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His Vision of The West.

If the National Irrigation congress had been good for nothing else this year, the receipt of the letter read at its session on Thursday from James J. Hill, of the great Northern railroad company, who has made it not invalid, says the Denver Republican. When Mr. Hill speaks or writes he has something to say. He brought his readers back to the first cause, to the earth. His political economy is like this character—straightforward and to the point.

The American people require a reminder once a year, if not oftener, of what is at the bottom of all the republic's wealth. They have to be taught to forget Wall street and a billion dollar steel trusts and their insurance scandals and to return to nature.

"My gun is as we may with the picture cards adorned with the names, the man at the bottom, the man with his foot on a plot of ground, the man who is drawing from the earth food for himself and others, is the foundation of all advance as well as all prosperity. Make way for him; for where he is decaying the pillars of the state are weakening, and all the more impressive forms of wealth are trembling to the dust."

The warning comes from Mr. Hill against permitting the great land owners to take complete possession of the uncultivated acres of the west, is most opportune. The man is not a dreamer, neither is he an agitator. He writes as one having knowledge of and interests in the great west of which he is in a great measure a part. The upbuilding of the western states must come, not from the cattle companies and land grant concerns but from the man who is content with a homestead and the farmer. On such people the Hill railroads and other railroads that traverse the west and northwest must depend. From them "the boundaries of man's heritage are to be enlarged." And from the men who seek homes the railroads will receive their largest freights.

As in the past so will it be in future—the nation's lasting prosperity must depend upon the farmer and the congress should ever bear this in mind in making new laws and amending old ones. The greater number of citizens who have abiding interests in the land the greater the security of the republic.—Las Vegas Optic.

We are informed by a heavy tax payer of Harrison township, Beaver county, Okla., that the commissioners court, through the recommendation of some one, had ordered a special levy in that township of five mills, for the purpose of poisoning prairie dogs. We are also informed that the people of that township are almost, if not universally opposed to the scheme. Our informant also stated that he believed the taxpayers of the unfortunate locality would, by a strong petition, ask the commissioners to rescind their action in this matter. We believe the settlers, who are fast closing in on the west end of Beaver county will soon make the little prairie pups bite the plains of New Mexico and then we'll make hot tomatoes out of 'em. Figuring the matter to an answer, the proposition is outrageous for the good that will be accomplished. If the scheme is carried into execution

and a five mill levy taxed against the people, some one will get well paid and no good accomplished, comparatively speaking. These pests may be bothering some few people, but very few, and who could privately dispose of them at a great deal less expense than the proposed scheme.

Why Immigration Should Be Encouraged.

The New York Journal has always posed as a friend of labor and the unions and heretofore, when it advocates foreign immigration it cannot be said to do so because it wants to fight American labor with that imported from Europe. It says:

"Small-sized Americans, so much excited about the arrival of immigrants in this country, would be enlightened if they knew the attitude of the foreign countries toward emigration to America."

"Every one of the foreign countries is doing its best to prevent such emigration."

"Years ago, in South Germany, the news papers printed dark and gloomy warnings, inspired by the government and intended to frighten the peasants."

"These warnings told how emigrants to America were lured into barbaric shops here and had their throats cut—the chair and the murdered one subsequently sinking through the floor. Much ingenuity was used to convince the would-be emigrant that a trip to America was suicide."

"In Spain, whence emigration has increased very rapidly, the newspapers and the government are much disturbed and are making every effort to keep the population from moving to America."

"A similar crusade is made in Hungary in Austria—in fact, everywhere throughout Europe."

"The European nations, who lose the citizens that come here, are well aware that emigrants to America are among the best citizens of the various countries."

"The emigrant has imagination, enterprise, and will power—other wise he could not make up his mind to tear up his home, however humble, and move to an unknown country."

"It is the character of the immigrants who reach the shore that has made the character of the American people."

"If we are a nation of inventors, a nation of nervous activity, working on new lines—it is because the old countries have sent those qualities to us, giving us the best of their citizenship."

"The Americans that oppose immigration are narrow minded and ill-informed. It is proper to keep out professional criminals, diseased classes and idiots, since selfishness is in the first law of civilization."

"But practically the entire body of immigrants add to the wealth of the country, the wealth of everybody in it."

"We have untold millions of acres of land uncultivated. We need people to cultivate them."

"All the people of the United States could live in comfort in the single state of Texas—and there would be room and food there for eight millions more, even under our inferior processes of agriculture."

"The United States needs a thousand millions of inhabitants. It needs more human beings, as a great farm of the west needs horses and agricultural implements."

"The country is lucky in having the enterprise, courage and manhood of the old world to draw upon."

"Remember that we get from Europe not only some of our best workers, some of our men of strong ideas and personality, but also men best fitted to live in a republic and maintain a republic."

"Their influence is needed in a country where already republicanism is becoming a matter of course and the ballot more or less a joke and a mere question of partisanship or financial advantage."

"The European countries know that every immigrant arriving here is a loss to them and a gain to us. And we should be intelligent enough to realize that also."

"But leaving out all questions of gain, what right has the United States to act like a great international dog in the manger and presume to reserve this great section of the earth's surface for a population less than one-tenth of the number it can comfortably support?"

And the New Mexican adds: by all means let the foreigner come even though he be poor and ignorant, as long as he is honest and willing to work. New Mexico has 50,000,000 acres of public land upon which one million foreign tillers of the soil could make a living and add enormously to the wealth of the Territory and every one of its inhabitants.

New York, Sept. 4.—The defense of John D. Rockefeller and the denunciation of Governor La Follette of Wisconsin, who criticized him, were the features of a sermon delivered last night by Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, who has just returned from a summer lecturing tour on the Chautauque assembly platform. Dr. MacArthur made special reference to the speeches of Governor La Follette which related to the head of the Standard Oil Company and declared them to be exaggerations which only served to excite sympathy for the person against whom they were directed.

Dr. MacArthur paid a glowing tribute to William J. Bryan, speaking of him as the foremost figure on the platform today. Mr. Bryan delivered a lecture entitled "The Prince of Peace" which is one of the greatest lectures of our times," said Dr. MacArthur. "It is really a sermon and he frequently delivers it on Sundays." Dr. MacArthur characterized Governor Folk's address as a model of patriotism and Governor Folk as a man of the noblest ideals.

Facing Murder Charge Death Overtakes Him

Mmanuel Martinez, a resident of Berwind, was found dead in a room above the Grand saloon about 1:30 yesterday afternoon. Evidence seems to point to suicide.

There was nothing in the condition of the body to indicate suicide. The end had evidently been peaceful and the face was not in the least disturbed. But there was also nothing in his physical condition to show that he had died of heart disease or had been sick previously.

What leads to the belief in suicide is that Martinez was in trouble. He was on his way to Clayton, N. M. to stand trial for murder. Two years ago in a fight he had killed another Mexican. The circumstances were such that he was allowed to go on a bond of \$1,000. The man has, however, been weighted down with the use of the crime, and had become morbid.

Coroner Espey does not know whether he will hold an inquest or not. He will make another careful examination to determine if possible whether poison has been used.

JAPANESE FURIOUS AT LOSS OF WAR SPOILS.

TOKIO, Sept. 7.—The emperor has established martial law in his capital.

The fury of the populace against the treaty of peace is steadily growing and riots here and in other cities of the empire were resumed tonight.

A dangerous wave of anti-American sentiment prevails. E. H. Harrison has been subjected to insult on the streets of

Tokio and narrowly escaped personal injury at the hands of a mob. The American legation is heavily guarded.

The official residence of the minister of the interior has been burned. The Christian churches and one mission school are in flames. The torch has been applied in other cities.

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